

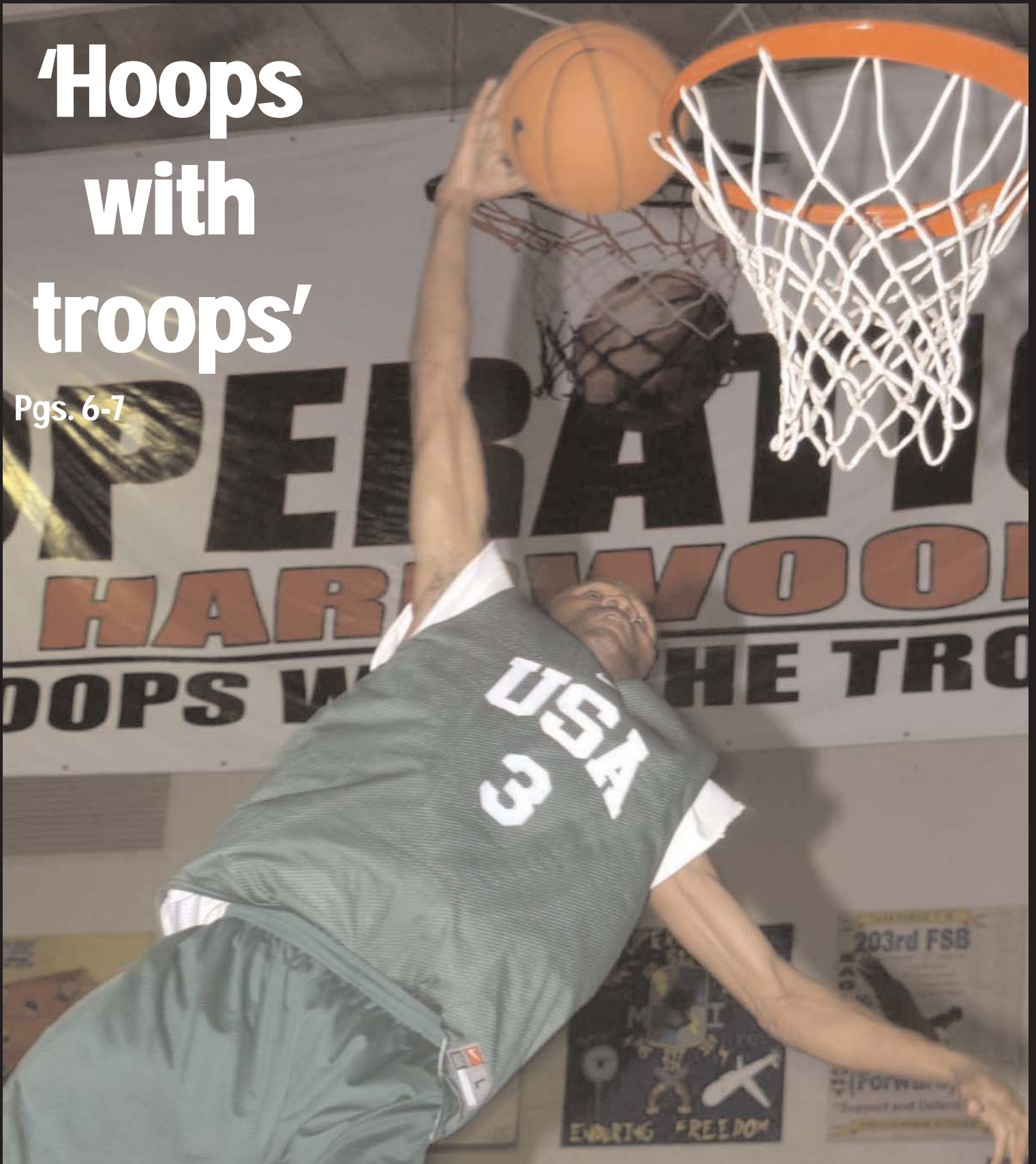
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Reginald "Hawk" Hawkins flies through the air for a slam dunk during the Operation Hardwood slam-dunk contest Aug. 30.

SMA visits Kuwait, talks to troops

Top NCO gives timeline for transformation for Army

Spc. Michael R. Noggle
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

The Army's top enlisted, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston visited Soldiers at Camp Arifjan Aug. 29 to talk about the progression of the Army's transformation.

He traveled to the Zone 1 gym to see Soldiers in action during Operation Hardwood and met with the sergeants major of Arifjan at the Zone 1 dining facility.

"Transformation right now is designed for those units doing back-to-back deployments," Preston said. "We could not do what we are doing around the world right now if it weren't for National Guard and Reserve Soldiers. They are helping us right now buying time for the active-duty Army to get through transformation."

Imagine a Soldier on active duty, National Guard or Reserve who knows when they will deploy or train, Preston said. All the components will be on a life-cycle with units knowing their status for deployment.

"There are three big strategic initiatives designed to take the pressure off the back-to-back deployments," Preston said.

First, there needs to be some



Spc. Michael R. Noggle

Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston talks to a group of sergeants major about the Army's transformation progress. The whole process should be complete by 2010.

predictability and stability in the Soldiers' and their families' lives, he said. By increasing the size of deployable forces, growing the low-density, high-demand jobs, and adding 30,000 Soldiers to the active-duty Army, Soldiers will have a better idea of their deployment status.

"We started transformation with 33 brigades and our intent is to grow the size and the numbers of those brigades," Preston said.

In 2004, the Army added a unit of action (replacing brigade combat teams) to the 3rd Infantry Division, 101st Airborne

Division and 10th Mountain Division. Three more brigades will be added to the Army this year and four more will be added in 2006.

"The timeline for the transformation of the active-duty force is expected to be finished by the end of 2007," Preston said.

He added, "It will take us a little bit longer to finish the Guard and Reserve, but by 2010 Guard and Reserve will be totally finished and transformed."

Preston added that the second strategic initiative is rebalancing the forces by adding more Soldiers to the low-density, high-demand jobs such as military police, supply and truck drivers. Currently there are more than 100,000 Soldiers in high-density, low-demand artillery and aviation units, among others.

"We've got a lot of combat support and service support Soldiers out there that are also doing back-to-back deployments," Preston said. "As we reassess what the threats are in the world, we have to rebalance."

The third objective Preston addressed was increasing the size of the active-duty force.

"We are going to add 30,000

to the active-duty force," he said. "The two biggest things we are going to do is increase recruiting and retention."

They plan on accomplishing this by challenging the Army's leaders and recruiters.

The Army challenged its leaders a little bit this year by bumping the retention goal from 56,000 to 64,000 Soldiers, Preston said.

"I'm optimistic and very confident we'll end the year at 64,000 plus for this fiscal year," Preston said.

Preston said he challenged recruiters as well this year. The Army's mission every year is to reach 72,000 Soldiers, but the goal in 2006 was to hit 80,000.

The recruiting numbers looked promising through January, but from February through May the Army fell short in its mission, he said.

At the start of June and through the rest of the fiscal year, the Army is expecting to overproduce, Preston said.

"When we fell short during that four-month period, we opened up a deficit," he said. "I'm still very optimistic we will hit 80,000 at the end of the year."

September begins hunting season in Kuwait

- ♦ September and April are traditionally open hunting seasons for the Kuwaiti people.
- ♦ Kuwaitis are permitted to carry their weapons, usually shotguns, openly in their vehicles and may pull off the road to fire at game.
- ♦ Birds are the most common type of wildlife hunted; therefore, most hunting occurs along the coast.
- ♦ U.S. and Coalition Forces should not be alarmed if they observe a weapon lying on the back seat of a passing vehicle or observe a Kuwaiti on the side of the road firing at wildlife.
- ♦ Although seeing a weapon and/or a hunter is rare, U.S. and Coalition Forces should not disregard the incident, but submit a spot report through their unit S2/G2/C2.

Hurricane affects Gulf Coast, Soldiers deployed

Spc. Crystal M. Rothermel

143rd Transportation Command PAO

Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf coast and destroyed homes, separated families, destroyed cities and took lives.

As the citizens gather supplies and solicit support for the victims of the disaster, people continue to work together and help in any way they can.

Those serving here in Kuwait are offering assistance in the form of prayer.

Members of the 377th Theater Support Command (Forward) headquarters whose home station is also New Orleans, joined up with members of the 143rd Transportation Command to pray for those impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

The purpose of the gathering was to provide a refuge for Soldiers directly affected by Katrina and to offer support, said Chaplain (Maj.) Erik Swindlehurst, of the 143rd.

"This is a great opportunity for me and the chaplains to serve our Soldiers in helping them to take their minds off of their anxiety and worries and focus on prayer," Swindlehurst said.

Although spiritual support is an ongoing mission for the chaplains, they ran this service differently.

"At home we encourage Soldiers to stay with their families during times like these. This time, we have to help them focus on



Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ken J. Riley

National Guardsmen and Sailors, at the Gulf Port International Airport, Miss., load a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter with hurricane relief supplies.

their families and their mission here" said Spc. Heather Patterson, chaplain assistant for the 143rd.

For some Soldiers with families and friends who are victims of Katrina, focusing on their mission here is something easier said than done.

"We have a lot of people from Mississippi in our unit," said Master Sgt. Argemy Jennings.

"The best I can do is go around and identi-

fy our Soldiers who need to talk and find them help." said Jennings of the 3rd Personnel Command, whose home station is Jackson, Miss.

He added, "I just want to be there for them."

Those affected by Katrina's destruction may need assistance for some time.

They will need food to eat and shelter to live in but the chaplains here in Kuwait also want to ensure they are covered in prayer.

Hurricane Katrina donations

The best way for providing immediate assistance is through cash contributions directly to relief organizations which are working in the affected areas.

In a recent statement, President George Bush identified two national organizations, the American Red Cross and the Salvation

Army, which have both mobilized to care for those in need.

In addition, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has developed an online list and provided instructions on its Web site on how to provide immediate cash donations to help those affected by

Hurricane Katrina. The Web site is www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id+18473.

Many of these organizations identified by FEMA are also national Combined Federal Campaign participating charities, to which servicemembers can donate.

Phone numbers to locate family members

National Guard Bureau - 1-800-777-7731

24 hours a day, seven days a week

Army - 1-800-833-6622

Hours: 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

Army Reserve - 1-877-464-9330

24 hours a day, seven days a week

Navy - 1-877-414-5358

24 hours a day, seven days a week

(wait for voice message the hit '1' for an attendant)

Air Force - 1-800-435-9941

24 hours a day, seven days a week

(wait for voice message then hit '0' for an attendant)

Marines -1-800-255-5082

24 hours a day, seven days a week

(wait for voice message the hit '4' for duty officer)

Red Cross emergencies only -

1-877-272-7337

24 hours a day, seven days a week

Assistance teams for troops

♦ Department of the Army and Coalition Forces Land Component Command personnel are putting together assistance teams that will be available at Camp Victory and Ali Al Salem to help troops affected by Hurricane Katrina who are returning to the United States.

♦ Servicemembers should check with their chain of command for the most up to date information on how and where to receive assistance and guidance



Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw
Reginald "Hawk" Hawkins of the Camp Arifjan Killer Bees attempts to drive to the hoop during the Bees' first game of Operation Hardwood at the Arifjan Zone 1 Fitness Center. The team started practicing for the tournament two weeks prior. They worked on conditioning drills, shooting and other drills.

Operation Hardwood team trains to win

Swain: Only thing that can beat us is ourselves

Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw
 CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

The crowd cheers, standing on its feet to clap and scream, as the team is announced. The team takes to the court with a look of professionals ready for a fast-paced, action-packed game.

The home team, the Camp Arifjan Killer Bees, had this reception at its first game of Operation Hardwood. The team had been preparing for the tournament for two weeks.

"My whole key to offense is stamina," said Willie Allen, Killer Bees' coach. "We try to tire our opponents out. I rotate the players ... to keep fresh legs in at all times."

The team started training before the event and kicked off preparing with different types of offense and defense drills.

"We couldn't get as much time on the court as we wanted because they had a volleyball tournament going on, but we made the best of it and got in some good practices," said the team captain, Terrence Blackwell.

The team started practices with conditioning exercises. The players who were out of condition spent time running up and down the court. The team also practiced shooting the ball.

According to Allen, the team had some

problems with defense during practice so they used half the court to press those players.

"It helped a lot," Allen said. "If they can trap and control the ball they can score points."

A majority of the team played together in an Area Support Group – Kuwait tournament in May.

"We only had about four new players so most of the players knew how everything would be run," Allen said.

According to Allen, Michigan State University's head coach, Tom Izzo, who coached the Bees, was impressed with the team.

"He liked the way I set them up with the defense and offense," he said. "He didn't change anything – he just added a few more offensive plays. He didn't mess with the defense at all."

The preparation the team put into the tournament was obvious even in the first game.

"We could tell in the second half that it helped," Blackwell said. "It all came together pretty well."

Even though the training helped, the players still had to work out a few issues in the first half, according to Allen.

"I wanted to improve on the offense dur-

ing the game," he said. They were giving up passes, but Allen said by the second half that was corrected.

Although they corrected the problems, the team didn't do as well in its first game as usual.

"In our best games, we usually score 20 to 30 points more than the other team, but this game it was only 10 points," Allen said.

Blackwell said he thinks the team still needs to work on minimizing turnovers, but transition – getting up and down the court – is the team's best asset.

The assistant coach, Virgil Swain, said he thinks they have a well-rounded team.

"Everyone is good at a position on the court," he said. "There is nothing lacking whatsoever. Everyone brings something to the table."

Allen said he knows what to do to keep winning.

"The biggest thing we need to do is run our game – not theirs," Allen said. "We can't let them keep playing half-court games."

Swain said he thinks only one thing can make the team fail.

"Without a doubt, the only thing that can beat us at this point is ourselves – just by making silly mistakes and not taking care of the basketball."

Operation Hardwood events leave

Arifjan defeats Doha 54-39 to win championship

Spc. Robert Adams

Assistant Editor

Team Arifjan's Reginald "Hawk" Hawkins and Derrell Bowman scored in double figures to defeat Team Doha 54-39 in the Operation Hardwood championship game Aug. 31 at Camp Arifjan's Zone 1 Fitness Center.

Arifjan's victory wrapped up the three-day tournament that showcased a double-overtime victory by Doha over Team Ali Al Salem to advance to the championship game, a buzzer-beater basket for a Team Navistar victory, as well as an exciting dunk and three-point contests.

The Operation Hardwood "Hoops With the Troops" tournament started with teams of servicemembers from the eight Kuwait military camps. Each team was coached by different National Collegiate Athletics Association's basketball coaches, who flew overseas to coach and mentor the players, as well as visit with troops.

"We will never give you as much as you've given us, but we will promise you to spread the word and tell what you are all about when we get back home," said Tom Izzo, Michigan State University's head coach.

Izzo coached Arifjan's team and earned the players' respect right away.

"Tom Izzo is a great coach ... he has been to the final four and won a national title," said Christopher McKelvey, Arifjan's center. "We listen to him knowing he is a winner and a leader."

"We want to win this for all the fans and the pride of Camp Arifjan," he added.

The championship game stayed close during the first half with each team trading baskets. Hawkins had eight of his 10 points and Demetrius Cattle made two three-pointers in the first half to lead Arifjan to a slight 30 to 27 lead at halftime over Doha.

Arifjan opened up the score to 41 to 34 with eight minutes remaining in the second half after a Christopher McKelvey blocked shot and point guard Jamail McGlome's basket. Arifjan finished the game by hitting nine of nine from the free-throw line.

"I knew from the start we were going to win this," said Hawkins, who also won the slam-dunk contest.

Arifjan dominated every opponent throughout the tournament with the closest game being a 53-46 victory over Ali Al



Team Arifjan players hold up the championship trophy with Tom Izzo, Michigan State head basketball coach, who coached Arifjan during the Operation Hardwood basketball tournament. Arifjan defeated Doha 54-39 in the final game to earn the title.

Salem.

Arifjan had already defeated Doha 48 to 37 earlier in the tournament, behind a strong performance by Hawkins.

Doha may have run out of steam having played in three games the final day to finish second in the tournament.

"As far as the game is concerned ... no one expected us to be here," said Jamie Poston, Doha point guard. "We came a long way ... as long as we play hard and have fun, we will come out on top."

Even though they lost the game, Doha coach Mike Jarvis, former St. John's head coach, was proud of his team's accomplishments.

"They have come a long way ... and no matter what happens in the next game, as far as I'm concerned, Doha is the champ," Jarvis said before the championship game.

In the previous game, against Ali Al Salem, Doha's Jamie Poston hit two clutch free throws with no time on the clock to send the game to double overtime and eventual Doha victory.

Leon Grier scored 22 points in the game for Doha, but was shut down in the championship game due to the stifling defense by Hawkins.

At the conclusion of the tournament, every coach got the chance to thank all the troops.

"Every one of the coaches that decided to come have a great respect and admiration for



Arifjan's Reginald "Hawk" Hawkins drives in for an open layup after stealing an Ali Al Salem pass during tournament play Aug. 30.



Team Doha's Jamie Poston is congratulated by coach Mike Jarvis and teammates after sinking two clutch free throws with :00 seconds on the clock to send the game to double overtime Aug. 31. Doha won the game against Ali Al Salem, but lost to Arifjan in the championship game.

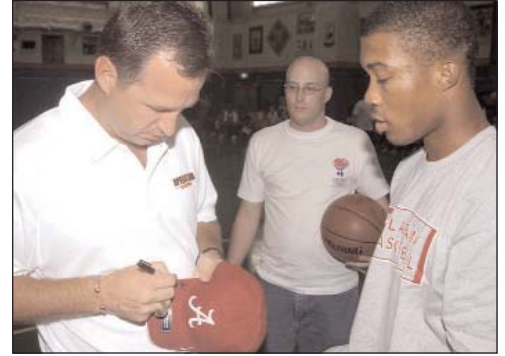
you and what you're doing ... the sacrifices you're making ... but since being here, we have a greater respect for who you are as people," said Mark Gottfried, University of Alabama head coach. "You're part of the best and strongest and greatest military in the world."

... memories for coaches, troops



Ali Al Salem player Lawrence Wright leaps over a teammate and performs a one-handed jam during the Operation Hardwood slam-dunk contest Aug. 30 at Arifjan's Zone 1 Gym. Wright placed third in the tournament behind Reginald "Hawk" Hawkins and Chris Elder.

Photos by Spc. Robert Adams



Mark Gottfried, University of Alabama head coach, signs an Alabama hat for Kuwait Naval Base player Edward Spraggins Aug. 30. Gottfried, and the other NCAA coaches, spent much of their time meeting troops.



Marty Lepak fires up a shot during the Operation Hardwood three-point contest Aug. 30. Lepak won after sending the event to two tie-breakers.



Spc. Robert Adams

(Top) Dressed in his new desert camouflage uniform, Dave Odom autographs a basketball for Staff Sgt. Timothy Koogan and thanks him for his service in the military.

Spc. Janine Coogler

(Right) Mark Gottfried explains the game plan to a player on Kuwait Naval Base's team. He said he had a great time coaching his team as well as getting to know them personally.



NCAA coaches thank servicemembers

Spc. Janine Coogler
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

As the national anthem was played, Soldiers stood at attention and gazed at the American flag. Meanwhile, the NCAA basketball coaches stood proudly in their new desert camouflage uniforms and absorbed their surroundings.

Some of the top National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball coaches came to Camp Arifjan Aug. 28-31 to coach teams representing each camp in Kuwait during the exciting Operation Hardwood basketball tournament.

At the closing ceremony for Operation Hardwood, all the coaches had the opportunity to speak to servicemembers and express their personal feelings about their visit to Camp Arifjan.

"The main reason for coming here is to show the U.S. military that you are supported," said Bobby Cremins, former Georgia Technological University head coach. "I've heard that the Armed Forces felt they were not

supported. We do support you."

"Servicemembers need to know America loves them and supports them," said Mike Jarvis former St. Johns head coach.

Throughout the tournament the coaches got to know the players on their teams. Most of the teams didn't have the luxury of an indoor basketball court. They had to practice with the materials accessible to them.

"I've never seen such passion and commitment as Team Victory," said Jay Bilas, ESPN analyst.

"They would roll out aluminum planks and play basketball with make-shift baskets," he said.

The show of dedication didn't stop with Team Victory.

Team Doha players exemplified the true spirit of dedication by playing hard during each of the three games they played Aug. 31, Jarvis said.

Because it was a double-elimination tournament, Team Doha, which lost to Arifjan on the first day of the tournament, had to defeat two other teams before

making it to the finals.

The coaches had very little time to work with their teams, but their strategy was simple: stick to the basics.

The players have a strong desire to compete, and it showed on the court, said Mark Gottfried, University of Alabama head coach.

Bobby Lutz, University of North Carolina-Charlotte head coach, said he wished his college players would have been able to come so they could see teamwork on and off the court from the servicemembers. He said the troops weren't selfish, knew their role, accepted it and committed to their duties. These concepts were seen both on and off the court whether in athletics, military or life.

In the final game, the coaches wore DCUs.

"When we got the uniforms it was a big deal to us," said Tom Izzo, Michigan State University head coach.

He, added "We said, 'Are we really worthy of wearing this?' I am not sure we are. But I thank

you for letting us play this small part."

Bilas reinforced Izzo's comments about wearing the DCUs. "Sacrifices made by the men and women in the Armed Forces, we've never made such sacrifices. We can't fathom what you do every day."

All the coaches who came to Arifjan have a great amount of respect and admiration for servicemembers, Gottfried said.

"Everyone is thanking us for coming here when it should be the other way around. We thank you," Gottfried said.

"Life is about memories. And you guys have given us coaches and everyone that came on this trip memories to last a lifetime," said Kelvin Sampson, Oklahoma University head coach.

As a goodbye gift, the coaches signed an Operation Hardwood banner, which will hang in the Arifjan Zone 1 Fitness Center.

Bilas added, "We wanted to leave a little piece of us here because we are taking a big piece of you with us."

For love of military, game Soldier, referee has time for both

Spc. Michael R. Noggle
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

When Col. Kenneth Clark, Coalition Forces Land Component Command C-1 (Forward)/director of personnel and human resources, faced the decision to choose between his love for basketball and his love for the Army, the answer was easy: he opted for both.

Now Clark devotes his time and services to the war in Iraq and officiating for the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

From his childhood days to his time spent as a first lieutenant at Fort Hood, Texas, Clark was always involved in some type of sporting competition, especially on the hardwood in the gym.

At the post-level leagues at Hood, Clark was at the top of his game. His team won the post championship in 1984 and again in '85, while being named the best player on his team. However, as he gained rank, Clark said he knew that committing to a team and his job would be difficult.

One day he was in the gym, Clark said a colonel and sergeant major saw him playing with Soldiers and fellow officers.

"They told us (lieutenants) we couldn't be out here playing ball with the Soldiers all the time because the more senior we became in rank the harder it would be to come out here and play everyday," he said.

So they mentioned the idea of becoming a referee and making a little extra money as well. Clark was enticed.

"I went to the clinics and the camps that summer," he said. "I would ref the younger kids' games ... as well as the summer league games. I didn't know what I was doing, but I became interested."

In 1986, Clark went to Korea and officiated the post-level and Department of Defense high school games. It was then that Clark would become recognized for his talent by Leslie Speight, former college basketball and football official, and formerly with the National Football League.

"Les was very encouraging with me going to the NCAA basketball camps, but I was stalling because I was happy doing high school," Clark said. "It took some time, but one day in 1989, I told him I would do it. When I got there, I didn't realize what I had been missing."



Courtesy photos

(Above) Col. Kenneth Clark has a discussion with one of his partners, Gene Steratore, after calling a technical foul during a game at the Atlantic 10 Tournament in March.

(Right) Clark watches #23, Brooks Hall, Dayton Flyers leading scorer, throw-in the basketball.



Out of the 67 participants Clark rated number one overall; he received his first college conference assignment with the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in 1989.

In 1992, after bouncing around with a few minor college conferences, Clark attended the Division-1, Atlantic-10 Conference referee tryouts supervised by Mickey Crowley, Atlantic-10 supervisor of officials.

"Mickey pulled me off to the side during the tryout sessions and told me I didn't have a lot of years or experience but wanted to give me an opportunity," Clark said. "At this point Mickey was a little hesitant because I hadn't had the college experience except for working for the smaller conferences and I was still a junior referee and still doing high school. But Mr. Crowley made the decision and put me on his conference staff."

After the camp was completed, Clark was a certified referee in the Atlantic-10. His first major basketball game was an exhibition game with Temple University, Pa., versus an international team from Lithuania.

"As a junior referee they give you the exhibition games because if you blow it then no one really cares as much," Clark said. "Mickey came to the game and saw me at the end. He said, 'You'll be hearing from me again,' and he ended up giving me more games that season. After that I started moving up."

Clark started getting recognition from other major conferences such as: the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Big East, Ivy League and Patriot League. He officiated

Allen Iverson, Ray Allen and Ron Artest as well as other current National Basketball Association players.

"I never believed my officiating career would take off the way it has," Clark said. "It became difficult year after year as I moved up in military rank ... and to major conferences and had to travel more. It takes time away from other things I wanted to do in life because for the five-month season you are focused on basketball, but if you loved the game like I did, it wasn't a problem."

Clark explained to his supervisors that the Army's mission always came first, but they understood and coordinated his leave dates and training schedule around the basketball season.

"There have been times I went overseas and had to skip the season," Clark said. "But every year I came back, the supervisor of officials in each league put me back on the officiating rosters. But every time I called and told them I had to cancel a game for military purposes, they understood."

Once he returns from this deployment next spring, Clark plans to spend time with his family and friends during the summer and then get ready 2006-07 season.

"I tell everyone today never let anyone tell you that you can't accomplish anything you want to do in life," Clark said. "I realize the Army is my career ... but I love the game of basketball and officiating."

Uniforms will be worn correctly

Staff Sgt. Kerensa Hardy

CFLCC PAO/ 11th PAD NCOIC

Improper wear of the desert camouflage uniform and unacceptable civilian attire is a common sight.

Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, and U.S. Central Command and Coalition Forces Land Component Command policy on wear and appearance of civilian clothing outline proper dress when on and off duty.

Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Middleton, Area Support Group – Kuwait command sergeant major, said servicemembers and civilian employees need to remember they are not at home. “Without going overboard we came up with a policy that we feel would not be too restrictive but ... wouldn’t offend our host nation.”

It may seem petty to address uniform and civilian clothing violations while in a deployed environment, but Middleton said problems start when the little things are ignored.

“If you stop the little things, the big things will never happen,” he said.

“The military as a whole was built on discipline and you lose that discipline because you fail to make on-the-spot corrections ... and fail to hold your Soldiers to standard,” Middleton said. “We have an obligation to enforce all the standards.”

For specific unit policies or guidance refer to

your chain of command, but some of the most common violations are addressed below:

- ♦ The desert patrol cap is the standard headgear for personnel assigned to or working in CFLCC headquarters.
- ♦ The American flag insignia worn on the right shoulder will be the full-color version, not subdued. All personnel will wear the flag.
- ♦ The wearing of Arabic nametapes above the standard nametape is unauthorized.
- ♦ Display of any nametape – standard or Arabic – on the headgear is unauthorized.
- ♦ When the physical training uniform is worn, it will be worn with the shirt tucked in, plain white socks without logos or emblems, proper footwear and not mixed with civilian clothing.
- ♦ Dirty or sweaty PT uniforms or civilian exercise clothing is prohibited in dining facilities.
- ♦ Biker shorts, aerobic attire, sleeveless t-shirts, tank tops and bathing suits are only authorized inside physical fitness centers or in a swimming pool.
- ♦ Thong bathing suits are not authorized at any time for male or female personnel.
- ♦ One-piece bathing suits are required for female personnel using the swimming pool at Kuwait Naval Base, along with a battle buddy.
- ♦ All blouses and t-shirts will cover the body above the trouser line and not expose the abdomen.

♦ Shorts will not be higher than mid-thigh. Dresses and skirts will be at least knee-length.

♦ All pants and shorts will be worn around the waist, not the hip or buttocks, and underwear will not be exposed between the pants and shirt.

♦ Clothing may not display obscenities or offensive pictures or words.

♦ When traveling off post in civilian attire, personnel will not wear sleeveless shirts or wear shorts or Capri pants. T-shirts are authorized but may not have writing or graphics on them. Pocket logos are acceptable.

Middleton said everyone plays a part in ensuring policies are enforced. “As Soldiers, we’re supposed to make on-the-spot corrections and nine times out of 10, they’ll adhere to it.”

If you don’t feel comfortable making corrections, Middleton said you can go to the individual’s chain of command – military and civilian – or you can use military police to enforce the standard.

“When you let something that’s wrong go, you just created a new standard,” he said.

Middleton also reminded servicemembers that failure to obey posted policies can lead to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Civilians can be banned from military installations and sent back to the States for failure to comply.

A gift for you

Spc. Janine Coogler

As a final thank you before heading back to El Salvador, the fourth rotation command from El Salvador’s Cuscatlan Battalion exchanged gifts with the U.S. Army command groups that helped the battalion during its rotation.

As a symbol of appreciation for support, El Salvadorian Col. Eduardo Mendoza offered the traditional El Salvador machete to Maj. Gen. James Kelly, Coalition Forces Land Component Command deputy commanding general, and Brig. Gen. James Krueck, 377th Theater Support Command.

In recognition of the contingent support, Mendoza was given two plaques and an army knife. One plaque was presented to Mendoza by Krueck. The other plaque and knife was presented to Moreno by Col. Roderick Cox, CFLCC deputy chief of staff.



Community

happenings for Sept. 7 through Sept. 14

Arifjan

Wednesday

Darts tournament, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Singles racquetball tournament, 5 p.m., Zone 1 Fitness Center

Indoor Volleyball League, Zone 1 Fitness Center, through Sept. 29

Soccer tournament sign-up, through Sept. 18, Zone 1 Fitness Center

Mexican Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Thursday

Ballroom dancing, 8 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Indoor Volleyball League, Zone 1 Fitness Center, through Sept. 29

Country Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Friday

Harley Davidson 5K run, 5:30 a.m., Zone 1 Fitness Center

Indoor Volleyball League, Zone 1 Fitness Center, through Sept. 29

Arifjan Boxing Team, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Saturday

Foosball tournament, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Indoor Volleyball League, Zone 1 Fitness Center, through Sept. 29

R&B/Old School Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 food court

Country Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 stage

Sunday

Indoor Volleyball League, Zone 1 Fitness Center, through Sept. 29

Hip Hop Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage

Monday

Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Indoor Volleyball League, Zone 1 Fitness Center, through Sept. 29

Arifjan Boxing Team, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

Tuesday

Bingo Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Indoor Volleyball League, Zone 1 Fitness Center, through Sept. 29

Wednesday

Indoor Volleyball League, Zone 1 Fitness

Center, through Sept. 29

Mexican Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Country Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage

For more information call

430-1205/1302

Buehring

Wednesday

Walking Club (5 miles), 5 a.m., command cell flagpole

Thursday

Country Night, 9 p.m., MWR Tent 1

Walking Club (5 miles), 5 a.m., command cell flagpole

Tae-Kwon-Do class, 7 p.m., MWR Tent 1

Friday

Walking Club (5 miles), 5 a.m., command cell flagpole

Saturday

Bazaar, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., MWR Tent 1

Tae-Kwon-Do Class, 7 p.m., MWR Tent 1

Sunday

Bazaar, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., MWR Tent 1

USO Comedy Show, 7 p.m., stage

Walking Club (10 miles), 4:30 a.m., command cell flagpole

Monday

Walking Club (5 miles), 5 a.m., command cell flagpole

Massage Therapy, 9:30 a.m., PSS Tent 3

Tuesday

Walking Club (5 miles), 5 a.m., command cell flagpole

Tae-Kwon-Do class, 7 p.m., MWR Tent 1

Wednesday

Walking Club (5 miles), 5 a.m., command cell flagpole

For more information call

828-1340

Kuwait Naval Base

For information call 839-1063

Navistar

Wednesday

Chess/Checkers tournament practice, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., MWR Center

Thursday

Chess/Checkers tournament practice, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., MWR Center

Friday

Chess/Checkers tournament practice, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., MWR Center

Saturday

Chess/Checkers tournament, MWR Center

Sunday

Chess/Checkers tournament, MWR Center

Tuesday

Smoking cessation class, 10 a.m., chapel

Education awareness/prevention, 1 p.m., chapel

For more information call

844-1137

Spearhead/SPOD

For information call 825-1302

Victory

Thursday

Aerobics, 5 a.m., MWR

Tuesday

Aerobics, 5 a.m., MWR

For more information call

823-1033

Virginia

Wednesday

Pingpong, 7 p.m., MWR Tent

Country Night, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

Thursday

Chess tournament, 7 p.m., MWR Tent

Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

Friday

Nine-ball, 7 p.m., Sports Lounge

Salsa Night, 8 p.m., Dusty Room

Saturday

Billiards tournament, 7 p.m., Sports Lounge

R&B, Hip-HopNight, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

Sunday

Volleyball, 5 vs. 5, 6 p.m., Volleyball courts

Old School Jams, 8 p.m., Dusty Room

Monday

Horseshoes, 4 p.m., Horseshoe pits

Tuesday

Unit Feud, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

Rock, Techno Night, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

Wednesday

Darts tournament, 7 p.m., Sports Lounge

Country Night, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

For more information call

832-1045

Arifjan/Ali Al Salem Shuttle Schedule

| Departs | Arrives |
|------------|------------|
| 6 a.m. | 8:15 a.m. |
| 8:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| 10:45 a.m. | 1 p.m. |
| 1:15 p.m. | 3:30 p.m. |
| 3:45 p.m. | 6 p.m. |
| 6:15 p.m. | 8:30 p.m. |
| 8:45 p.m. | 11 p.m. |
| 11:15 p.m. | 1:30 a.m. |

* Buses depart and arrive from both locations at these times

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